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BROOKLYN MAN SENTENCED TO TWENTY YEARS FOR CRACK CONSPIRACY

[Plattsburgh, New York]— DESHAWN WHITE, age 28 of Brooklyn, New York was sentenced today by Chief United States Judge Gary L. Sharpe to twenty years of imprisonment and ten years of supervised release for conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute 280 grams or more of cocaine base (“crack”). WHITE, who pled guilty on July 25, 2012, faced a sentence of at least twenty years of imprisonment because he had a 2005 felony drug conviction. WHITE’s co-defendant, DARRYL FIGUEROA, who pled guilty to the same conspiracy on January 3, 2013, will be sentenced on May 7, 2013, in Albany, New York. He also faces a sentence of at least twenty years of imprisonment because of a prior drug felony.

According to the offer of proof filed by the United States before the guilty plea, from approximately 2007 through approximately January 2012, WHITE was involved in a conspiracy to bring large quantities of “crack” from Brooklyn to Plattsburgh for sale. Specifically, WHITE brought crack from Brooklyn, sold some crack himself in Plattsburgh, and recruited Plattsburgh crack dealers and user to work for the conspiracy.

The investigation was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Plattsburgh Resident Office and assisted by members of the Adirondack Drug Task Force, including the Plattsburgh Police Department, the New York State Police, and the Clinton County Sheriff’s Office.

U.S. Attorney Hartunian stated, “Through their crack dealing activities, these defendants sought to poison the Plattsburgh community with highly addictive drugs. Working with our law

enforcement partners, we will continue to identify and prosecute those who traffic in illegal substances." He also praised the outstanding cooperation among local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, noting that "by working together as we did in this case, law enforcement will help make Plattsburgh a safer place to live and work."

DEA Special Agent in Charge Brian R. Crowell stated, "This sentencing represents our commitment to enforcing our nation's drug laws. This investigation was a culmination of hard work and collaboration between our local, state and federal law enforcement counterparts."

Plattsburgh Police Department Chief Desmond Racicot stated "It's rewarding to see the efforts of multiple law enforcement agencies pay off. The people who engage in drug dealing and trafficking will often move from place to place to commit their crimes. Law enforcement agencies working together like this is one of the most effective ways to protect our communities."

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Daniel C. Gardner.

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